



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

"Strive, Believe, Achieve"

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Our school Values

Honesty ~ Excellence ~ Respect ~ Resilience ~ Perseverance

Our Moral Purpose - Students will be able to choose a life that has meaning.

Warracknabeal Secondary College is committed to child safety (Ministerial Order No. 870) and takes all reasonable steps to ensure that the safety of our students is paramount.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

*Term 2 Week 2
27th April,
2017*

Welcome back to Term 2 and I trust that everyone is back into the routine of the school schedule. I had some surgery over the holidays and have been working from home until yesterday so it has been a strange start to the term personally. Thank you to everyone for your understanding as any absence creates extra workload on others and I appreciate people stepping up in my absence.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parent-Teacher-Student interviews last week to help us build strong partnerships between home and school. We also appreciated the feedback on our trialled progress reports, which we will continue to refine and improve. If you were unable to get in contact with any teacher on the night, or would like to provide feedback on the progress reports or anything else, please do not hesitate to contact the office to have a conversation on the phone or to arrange a meeting.

Last night the second episode of 'Testing Teachers' aired on SBS. This program tracks one full year in the classroom of beginning teachers in disadvantaged contexts. Many people that I have spoken to found it difficult viewing, but seemed to provide some insight into the challenges that teachers face in managing diverse personalities from diverse backgrounds in the one classroom. If anyone would like to catch up on the first two episodes of the three-part series, you can find them at <http://www.sbs.com.au/ondemand/program/testing-teachers>.

There are two Community Forums planned in the coming weeks. On the 15th of May, we will be offering a free seminar for parents: *It's time we talked: Pornography, young people and sexuality today*. There will be more information provided in the coming weeks but please keep this evening free to attend this event. This event ran last year in Donald and given the positive feedback from that community, we are thrilled to be able to offer this locally in Warracknabeal. There will also be a combined community meeting to update everyone on the development of the Education Precinct which is very close to being ready to go to tender for construction. I will provide more information when a date can be finalised.

Michael Briggs-Miller

Principal

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Charmaine – Mon, Tues and Fri - wilson.charmaine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chelsea – Wed and Thurs - smith.chelsea.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

Please notify the school by 12 noon on the day of the absence.

ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – Heath Schulz

Edrolo update.

Currently students have viewed over 5000 videos, which is outstanding. This equates to well over 155 hours of extra direct instruction that students are viewing in classes and in their own time. As I identified in my last newsletter article, Edrolo is a tool to assist in the teaching and assessment of VCE subjects. It includes short video tutorials, quiz questions and past exam questions that are all organised into topics to assist in supporting the learning of students. The trial will conclude on May 19th and I will be asking for both student and teacher feedback at the end of this period. From the feedback I have received already, it seems that it is a very valuable tool for both students and staff.

Year 10 Melbourne Trip/Work experience week.

The Year 10 Melbourne trip will be held in the second last week of Term two. Any students who do not attend the Melbourne trip will be required to complete work experience. It is vitally important to organise work experience early to ensure you get the best opportunities. Students attending the Melbourne trip will have the opportunity to do work experience at the end of the year. If you would like assistance in organising work experience, please see Nicole.

Debutante Ball

Final preparations are now underway for the 2017 Debutante Ball. It was great to drop in to see the group hard at work finalising their dance routines. I personally cannot wait for the evening and for all those that attend, you are in for a treat. A reminder that tickets can be purchased from the office for \$10.

VCE Premiers Award



On Thursday morning, I had the distinct pleasure of witnessing Trent King receive his VCE premiers Award for VET Engineering at the Crown Casino Palladium. Trent achieved the highest individual score for all students in his Engineering studies in 2016 as a Year 11 student. The whole school community is immensely proud of Trent's efforts and this award is thoroughly deserved.

Heath Schulz

Acting Assistant Principal

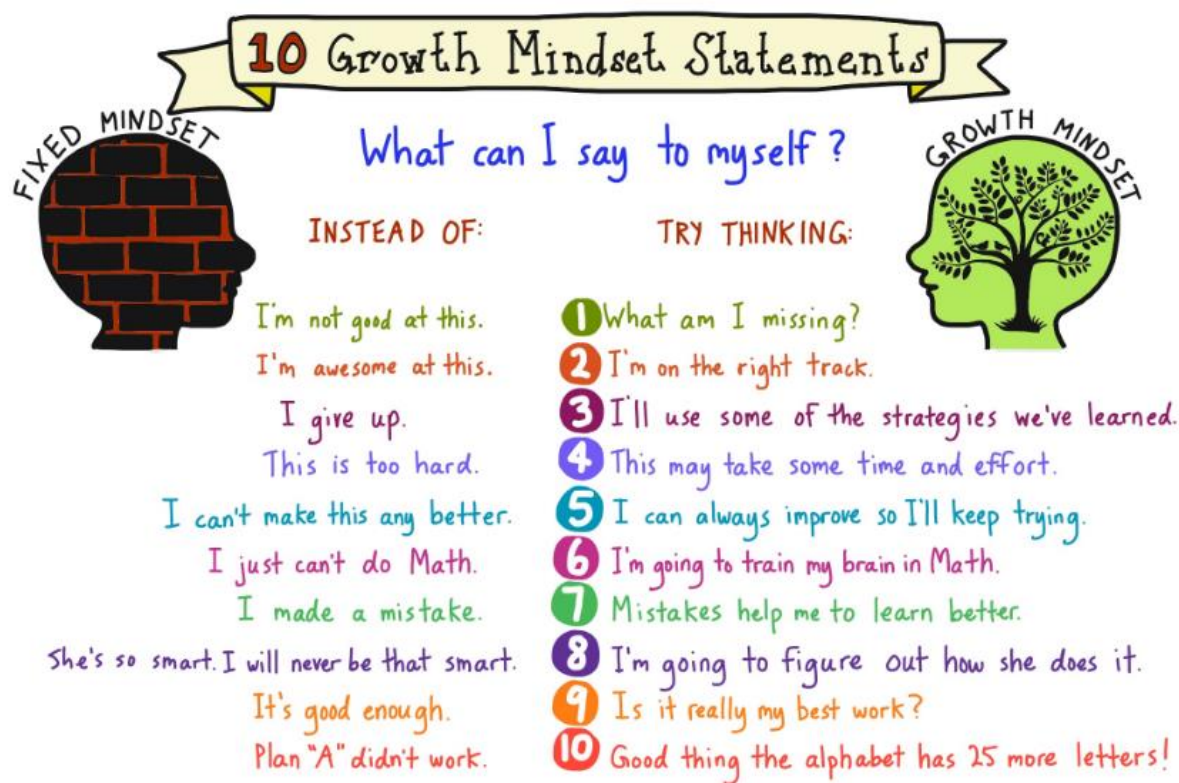
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL – WHITNEY MUNROE

We have had a busy start to term 2, but it is wonderful to see all the students back in action at school! There are many events coming up in the next couple of months that I am greatly looking forward to. In particular, our staff are working hard on the **Respectful Relationships** program that we are implementing at the school and in the community. Our first open forum, *It's time we talked: Pornography, young people and sexuality today*, will kick start this program on May 15th. We hope to see you there!

As a school community, we are continuing to focus on Growth Mindset this term with our students. As a parent, what can you do to help students develop a "Growth" mindset instead of a "Fixed" mindset about their abilities? If you are keen to learn more, please read this article, which discusses how parents (and other adults) can praise students: https://www.inc.com/bill-murphy-jr/want-to-raise-successful-kids-science-says-praise-them-like-this-most-parents-do.html?utm_source=gott .

In addition, if you hear your student say something like, "I'm not good at this," consider responding with a statement that helps that student develop their growth mindset. One positive response is to say, "You're not good at this **yet!**" See the picture for more examples and responses:

Developing students' growth mindset will impact their academics and, most importantly, their beliefs about themselves.



Whitney Munroe

Assistant Principal of Middle School

WELLBEING REPORT:

What can I say other than there has been a lot of very exciting activities since the last time I wrote to you all. Things like school sports, Relay for Life in Horsham and other amazing school and community event. I am super excited to announce (if you have not heard already) that I got married during the school holidays to my amazing wife Rhiannon who also works here at Warracknabeal Secondary College. We had a wonderful day with beautiful weather and all our lovely friends and family.

Along with the fact that the WSC Deb ball is only a week away now, it's all systems go here at the school now that Term 2 is well underway. I for one am very excited to once again be helping out at the WSC Deb ball. It is always an incredible night of fun, family and fantastic times. So make sure you suit up or dress up, get out your dancing shoes and get your tickets!

Finally, I am very excited that we are working towards new ways to encourage and reinforce the importance of respectful relationships within the school and school community. New programs and staff training are coming into help us all understand and guide others in ways that will help us all achieve the vision and mission for this school "Where students can choose a life that has meaning".

Greg McKinnon

WSC Student Wellbeing Worker.

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We are up to 820 LIKES on the Warracknabeal Secondary College Facebook page. If you haven't already "liked" our page make sure you do so you can get updates on what's happening around the school.

Game of tiaras -update-

The cast of Game of Tiaras has been announced and rehearsals have begun! If you missed out on auditions and feel like you still want to be part of the cast, come and see Miss Gordon for possible minor roles!

PRODUCTION DESIGN COMPETITION!

Applications for our **design competition** are officially open!

We need someone to design the production posters, the tickets and the programs!

Winner of the competition will have their work displayed around Warracknabeal, at school, on the Cast/Crew T-Shirts & a free pass to the production.

To enter, please submit a **Production Poster**! If your design is chosen, you will then help design the tickets & programs.

Information to include:

- Title of play (Game of Tiaras)
- Production Dates (7th and 8th of September 2017)
- Tagline (When you play the Game of Tiaras, you win or you die) School Name
- Ticket Pricing-
 - Concession (Under 18s & Senior Citizens) \$7
 - Adults \$10
 - Family tickets (2 adults and 2 concession) \$25

I will be posting some examples of production posters on Edmodo for reference!

The production team looks forward to reviewing your submissions!

Closing date for submissions: 5th May

Game of Tiaras Director

Natalie Gordon

Game of Tiaras Cast



Narrator One
Narrator Two
Cinderella
Belle
Snow White
Prince Charming
King
Smeagol
Little Mermaid
Other Princess 1
Other Princess 2
Other Princess 3
Blood Packet Guy
Animated Snowman
Executioner
Talking Candle-Man
Talking Teapot Lady
Herald
Girl
Dwarf 1
Dwarf 2
Peasant 1
Peasant 2
Crowd Member 1
Crowd Member 2
Crowd Member 3
Guard 1
Guard 2
Guard 3
Soldier 1
Soldier 2
Soldier 3
French Soldier 1
French Soldier 2
French Soldier 3

Brady Priest
Brooke Morrow
Jaslyn Jonasson
Toula Bermingham
Sam Brown-Bush
Jack Stavely
Jacob Cale
Jarrod Miller
Chelsie King
Sarah McPherson
Madelaine Heeps
Summer Thomson
Cody Gebert
Sarah McPherson
Josiah Keam
Josiah Keam
Summer Thomson
Jayde Mills
Jayde Mills
Harry Butcher
Angel Shaji Abraham
Hayley Robertson
Kiara Smith
Harry Butcher
Hayley Robertson
Madelaine Heeps
Kiara Smith
Wil Wright
Derryl Mills
Angel Shaji Abraham
Crystal Murphy
Hayley Robertson
Lily Duncan
Keeta Orszulak
Rhiana Keys

When you play the Game of Tiaras, you win or you die!



INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



Get out the runners and blue, red or yellow t-shirt again, because it's time for the cross-country run! It's the biggest challenge for many students and we expect that **ALL STUDENTS, from year 7 to year 12**, will be out on the track having a go **on Friday, April 28**.

This year we are **giving away two x \$10 canteen vouchers** just for being part of the event. A draw will be held at the whole school assembly/warm up before the race to decide the 2 lucky students. The catch is you must be at the assembly and participate in the event as a competitor or helper, and you can then collect your voucher at the end of the day.

Proper **sports clothes** are required and appropriate runners. Students are to wear school uniform to school and will change at the end of lunch ready for the event. Students who go home for lunch need to be back at school by 1:30pm. All students are encouraged to have a go, and we especially remind students who have the opportunity to represent the College at both interschool swimming and athletics this year that they should be trying for the prestigious **WSC Sports Award**, gained by reaching interschool teams in all 3 major carnivals. To qualify for the College cross-country team, you need to be in the top four runners in your age group, and under the qualifying times.

Students who are unfamiliar with the course should see the **map** and other details also found on **Edmodo**. All girls and 12/13, 14 and 15 year old boys run the 3km course around the creek, while the 16 and 17 to 20 year old boys run the 5km course, in line with SSV requirements.

College pennants will be awarded to winners in each age group (who finish in the qualifying times). Points are received for participation and extra points are received by those finishing within the qualifying times for their age group. So the placings and/or times of all competitors are important. Qualifying times are: All Girls- 24 mins; 12/13, 14, 15 Year Old Boys- 20 mins; 16,17,18-20 Year Old Boys- 27 mins.

Students with a medical reason for not participating are required to bring an explanatory note to Mr. Shannon by recess on the day. These students will be helping out as officials. **I emphasize that it's an official school event, not an optional event.** It's an opportunity for students to participate for their house team. Whether students are going for a record, a place in the team or just trying their best with a mix of jogging and walking, it's a worthwhile and healthy challenge for all. We hope to have parental support regarding this too. GOOD LUCK!

The secondary college would like to congratulate Lily Eldridge on her recent efforts at the School Sport Victoria State Swimming Championships. The championships were held at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre on Wednesday. Lily competed in 3 events and achieved the following results;

3rd – 14 year old Girls 50m Breaststroke

4th – 14 year old Girls 50m Backstroke

5th – 14 year old Girls 50m Freestyle

This is an extremely high level of competition and to achieve such great results is a great reward for all of the time and hard work Lily puts into her swimming.
Congratulations Lily!

Mr Shannon

Sports Coordinator.



Careers Report

VCAL Structured Workplace Learning

As part of the Warracknabeal Secondary College VCAL program all students work locally one day per week in an industry related either to their VET course or an area of interest.

This week we interviewed **Jack Wyllie** about his Work placement with **Warrack Auto Electrical**.

What are your reasons for completing Work Placement?

I am hoping to get in an auto-electrician apprenticeship.

Where is your placement and how did you arrange it?

My work placement is at Warrack Auto Electrical. I'd already been working there a couple of days a week after school for about a year, so it was pretty easy to organize.

How many days are you at work?

One day a week (Thursdays).

What types of duties do you do at work?

I do lots of different things, like wiring lights, cleaning up the workshop, pricing parts, running wires, working on air conditioning systems by checking for gas leaks and other things as well as going out to different sites to work on tractors etc.

What is the best part of your work day?

The morning when it is still cool in the workshop.

Are you doing a VET course? If so, what is it? What do you like about it?

I'm doing a VET course in building and construction because there isn't an auto electrical course. It will still benefit me in some way.



If a friend at school is deciding if they want to pursue VCAL and work placement what would you say to them?

Go for it, it's good for getting hands on experience.

What are your plans for after Year 12?

I would like to get an apprenticeship, maybe before Year 12.

Job Opportunities

Business Administration Traineeship

Skillinvest on behalf of the West Wimmera Shire, are seeking a self motivated person keen to start a career in Business Administration

This position is based in Edenhope in the Community Services Department working with elderly people. This position is for a 12 month period only.

Ideally, the successful applicant will possess the following attributes:

Good communication and organisation skills

Commitment to excellent customer service

Empathy

Understanding of the importance of confidentiality

Initiative and a responsible attitude

Computer and keyboard skills

Ability to follow direction and to prioritise work

If you are committed to customer service, have a responsible attitude and are willing to work as part of a team, we would like to hear from you.

For further details please contact Shane Cross on 0418 564 890.

TO APPLY: Written applications including a resume and cover letter to be forwarded to

recruitment@skillinvest.com.au by 5pm Friday 28th April 2017.

JMC ACADEMY – Open Day Saturday 13th May – Bank Street, South Melbourne

Are you interested in Sound Production, Entertainment, Business Management, Animation, Game Development, Digital Design, Film and Television Production and Songwriting? If so, you should attend the JMC Open Day.

On the day students will have the chance to take a campus tour, undertake a focused overview of their course of interest, speak first-hand with current students, scholarship winners and the course Heads of Department.

Students will also be able to view JMC student work, listen to bands and even see live audio and film production in action. Look up: <http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/contact-us/open-day-registration>

Work Experience

Year 10 students (not going on Melbourne Trip) and Year 11 students will have a week of work experience at the end of Term 2. It is not too early to start arranging these placements. Think outside the square and challenge yourself to a placement outside of Warracknabeal. Talk to your family/friends/relatives about where you can work for a week and get the ball rolling. It is an exciting time for you to begin to explore all the different careers out there, you never know, you might find your “dream career”!! If you need any help, please see me in the Careers Office in the Library.

Preliminary Date – Wimmera Careers Expo

The 2017 Wimmera Careers Expo is being held once again in the last week of Term 2 on Tuesday 27th June at the Events Centre Longerenong. All Year 9-12 students will be attending. Our Special Guest this year is AFL Women’s player Moana Hope from the Collingwood Football Club. Further information to follow in future newsletters.

Nicole Stewart

Careers/VET Co-ordinator

Structured Workplace Learning

Calendar of Events



April	28 th	WSC X-Country
May	2 nd	Black Ranges Aths- Stawell
	5 th	Deb Ball
	12 th	Top Arts Yr. 10,11,12 - Melbourne
	23 rd	School Photo's
June	5-9 th	Yr. 10-11 Exams
	5 th	Charlton Drive School VCAL
	12 th	Queen's Birthday (No school)
	13-16 th	Yr. 12 Exams
	14 th	GAT
	19-23 rd	Yr. 10 Melbourne Trip
	19-23 rd	Yr. 10 Work Experience
	31 st	Last day Term 2

Community Events

WARRACKNABEAL BOXING GYM W'beal Leisure Centre



**Cardio boxing sessions
JUNIORS Monday's 4pm
SENIORS Mon & Wed 5:30pm
Gold Coin Donation
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